



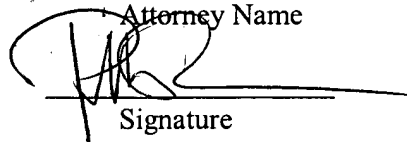
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Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Response to Amendment mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application. The Response to Amendment indicated that the reply filed on September 13, 2004 was not fully responsive allegedly because Applicants had not properly responded to the double patenting rejections despite that no allowable subject matter has yet been

identified.

Nevertheless, Applicants enclose herewith a Terminal Disclaimer without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the instant application in light Applicants' amendments and remarks.

Respectfully submitted,

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